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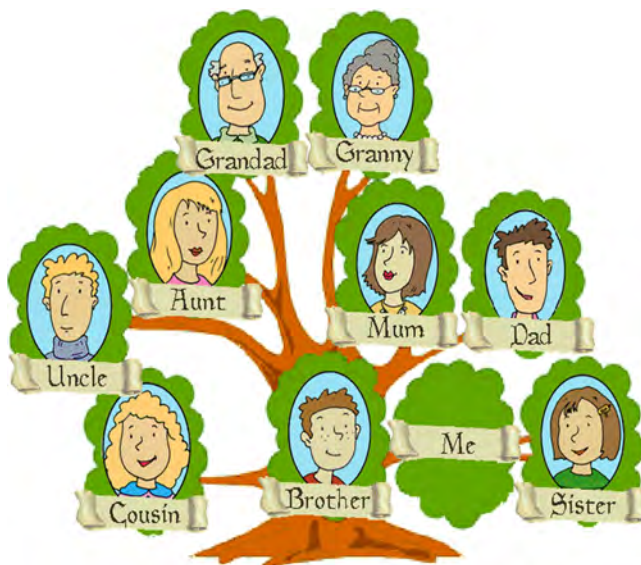
Issue 9

September 1, 2023

"The purpose of the Ashford Citizen is to keep Ashford citizens informed on what is going on in town." (August 1952)

**FAMILY
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Town Offices Directory

Animal Control Officer	860-234-4093
Assessor	860-487-4403
Building Dept.	860-487-4404
Emergency Management	860-428-0870
Finance Dept.	860-487-4405
Fire Marshal	860-208-0113
Housing Authority	860-429-8556
Parks & Recreation	860-487-4409
Public Works	860-429-6812
Registrar of Voters	860-487-4410
Selectmen's Office	860-487-4400
Sexton	860-487-4400
Social/ Youth Services	860-487-4417
Tax Collector	860-487-4411
Town Clerk	860-487-4401
Zoning Enforcement	860-487-4415

Town of Ashford website:
www.ashfordtownhall.org

Ashford Town Offices Public Hours:

Assessor, Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector,
Town Clerk:

Mon., Tues., Fri. 8:30 am - 3:00 pm
Wed. 10 am - 6 pm

Land Use Dept.:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., 8:30 am-3:00 pm or by appt.

Social Services: Mon. & Tues. 9 am - 3 pm or by appt.

Transfer Station: Wed. 2-8 pm, Sat. 8 am-4 pm,
Sun. 10 am - 4 pm

For other depts. not listed, please call for hours.

CLOSINGS

**The Ashford Town Offices will be closed
on Monday, September 4th
to observe Labor Day.**

**The Town Clerk's Office will be closed
Wednesday, September 20th at 3:00pm
& also Friday, September 22nd
for staff to attend the
Connecticut Town Clerk Association's
Fall Conference.**

**The Assessor's office will be closed the first
week of September (9/4/23 – 9/8/23)**

**The Registrar's office will be closed
on Wednesday, September 20th for Registrars
To attend the SOTS Fall Conference**

*** *The Ashford Citizen* *** Policies & Procedures August 15, 2023

- * The *Ashford Citizen* is a local government sponsored newsletter made possible by town taxes and advertising, and the production efforts of the *Citizen* Editor.
- * The *Citizen* is a limited public forum and its limited purpose is to inform the public about news pertaining to local government activities and offer a vehicle for local area organizations and businesses to advertise events, products and services.
- * Residents and Ashford taxpayers will receive the *Citizen* at no charge (every Ashford mailbox and P.O. box). Non-profit groups and taxpayers who live out of town should contact the *Citizen* to be put on the "no charge" mailing list. All other parties may receive the *Citizen* for a \$30. annual donation.
- * The *Citizen* will be delivered by the 1st of each month (every Ashford mailbox and P.O. box). Copies of the *Citizen* will also be made available in the Ashford Town Offices.
- * All submissions must be received by the **15th** of each month. Submissions received after the cutoff date for an issue will not be published. **No exceptions.**
- * All items for the *Citizen* must include the submitter's name, address, and telephone number for verification. Items written on behalf of an organization require the signature of an authorized representative.
- * The *Citizen* reserves the exclusive right to revise or reject all materials submitted for publication. As this publication is a limited purpose publication which is heavily subsidized by Ashford taxpayers in order to provide public information, the following will not be accepted: political ads/articles; opinion letters; religious, or other interest group ads/articles that go beyond an invitation to a program, event or time; explicit/exploitive, obscene or degrading text, pictures/illustrations; offensive, proselytizing or slanderous articles.
- * Readers should be aware that opinions or articles by individual writers or organizations are not necessarily those of the *Citizen*.
- * Paid submissions are limited to a half page maximum per business.
- * Paid submissions must be pre-paid; cash or check written to the Town of Ashford. The Ashford Town Clerk's Office will take payments. Payments may be mailed or dropped in the Town drop box.
- * Articles and ad submissions should be made ashfordcitizen@ashfordtownhall.org.
- * **For more information about *Ashford Citizen* policies and procedures see them on the Ashford Town website or pick up a copy at Ashford Town Offices.**

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LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING/SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023, 7:00 P.M.
ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES, LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM
5 TOWN HALL ROAD, ASHFORD, CT 06278

The electors and citizens qualified to vote in the Town Meetings in the Town of Ashford, Connecticut, are hereby notified and warned that a Public Informational Hearing and Special Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the Lower Level Meeting Room of the Town Office Building in person, hybrid and virtually via ZOOM.

1. To receive information on proposed expenditures utilizing American Rescue Plan Funds totaling \$188,370 as follows:
 - a) Installation of split-units at the Ashford Senior Center in an amount not to exceed \$70,000;
 - b) Lost pay, including benefits, in an amount not to exceed \$12,370;
 - c) KMH – ADA access – front doors in an amount not to exceed \$20,000
 - d) KMH – roof gutters - \$10,000
 - e) Ashford Housing Authority – “to preserve and create new affordable housing opportunities and raise funds to support programs that will enhance the lives of Ashford residents” in the amount of \$21,000
 - f) AVFD – automatic defibrillators - 6 units and supplies = 15,000
 - g) AVFD – PPE – bunker gear (8 sets) @ \$5,000 = \$40,000
2. To receive information on proposed revision to Ashford Ordinance “Tax Abatement for Dairy Farms and Orchards, Including Vineyards,” adopted at Town Meeting on April 26, 2006. Paragraph 6 of the ordinance currently in effect reads “Any abatement will continue in force for five years or until such time as the farm, orchard or vineyard is sold, or until such time as the property ceases to be a “dairy farm,” “orchard” or vineyard,” whichever comes first.”
The proposed revision will read “Any abatement will continue in force for five (5) years, ten years if a renewal application is filed, or until such time as the farm, orchard or vineyard is sold, or until such time as the property ceases to be a “dairy farm,” “orchard” or vineyard,” whichever comes first.”

Following discussion on the above funding requests, the Special Town Meeting will be called to order for the purpose of acting on:

1. Choosing of a moderator for said meeting;
2. To Approve the allocation of proposed ARPA funding as presented above . Items (a) thru (g), in the above list will be voted on separately;
3. To approve revision of paragraph 6 of an ordinance entitled “Tax Abatements for Dairy Farms and Orchards, including Vineyards”
4. Adjournment

William A. Falletti
First Selectman

Roger Phillips
Selectman

Cathryn E. Silver-Smith
Selectman

PUBLIC HEARING/SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83642368532?pwd=bDI1bnpGR251VitoNzFzUURzVnYvdz09>

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Dial by your location

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PLEASE CHECK OUR CENTER PAGES FOR FURTHER LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICES

VITAL STATISTICS

Deaths:



Ryan W. Proulx *June 16, 2023*
Charles R. Hampton *July 23, 2023*
Nicole Cambrelen *July 25, 2023*

Marriages:



Mykyta Romanov *June 24, 2023*
Yuliia Shapoval

Shawn Lee Peno *June 22, 2023*
Allison May O'Bryan



ATTENTION ASHFORD CITIZEN ADVERTISERS

Our new advertising requirements have been initiated.

** They include:

- * Maximum space size for paid ads will be one half (1/2) page per business.
- * New Advertising Rates as follows:

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1/4 Page - \$30 " " **\$330.** " "

1/2 Page - \$60 " " **\$660.** " "

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Questions please email : ashfordcitizen@ashfordtownhall.org

State Police Report--Troop C

Total Calls for Service

111

Total Calls This Year

812

	July	YTD
Accidents	7	46
Criminal Investigations	5	46
Burglaries	0	1
Larcenies	0	3
Non Reportable Matters	72	570

Total Arrests	3	22
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The Assessor's office will be closed the first week of September (9/4/23 – 9/8/23)

PA 490 Farm, Forest and Open Space Use Classification – Reminders

Persons seeking to classify or amend land under Farm, Forest or Open Space must file an application between September 1, 2023 and October 31, 2023 with the Assessor. Persons seeking to classify land as Forest must include a PA 490 certified forester's report dated on or before October 1, 2023. New owners of formerly classified land must file a new application. Changes to the original filing (e.g., ownership, use or acreage) must be reported annually.

Exemption for Veterans and Active Duty with Prior Service Periods

As a veteran or member of the armed services on active duty with prior service periods, you may be eligible for several exemption programs under the Connecticut General Statutes.

Filing Requirement: To be eligible for a basic veteran's exemption under CGS §12-81(19) and §12-81g, the first step is to file an original long-form DD214 in the town clerk's office showing an honorable discharge. If you do not have a copy, one can be requested at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>. The DD214 must be filed no later than 3 pm on Friday, September 29, 2023. If you are unable to file the DD-214 prior to 9/29/2023 due to active-duty service, please contact the assessor. If you have an Other-than-Honorable discharge, you may still be eligible if you were discharged due to post traumatic stress disorder, a traumatic brain injury, or military sexual trauma. Contact the assessor for more information.

Disabled Veterans: If you have a disability rating from the VA of at least 10%, the exemption increases. To be eligible you will need a disability rating slip or letter from the US VA that specifies the percentage of disability. It is filed with the assessor once, unless the disability percentage changes.

Low Income Veterans: You may be eligible for a higher exemption if your 2022 calendar year household income was under \$40,300 if you are single and \$49,100 if you are married. If you are 100% VA-determined disabled, the income limits are \$18,000 for unmarried households or \$21,000 if married. Income for this program does not include VA disability benefits.

Active Duty Members of the Armed Forces: You may be eligible for the exemption of one motor vehicle from taxation. The deadline to file an application for vehicles on the 2022 Grand List is December 31, 2023.

Any questions? Call 860-487-4403 or email assessor@ashfordtownhall.org

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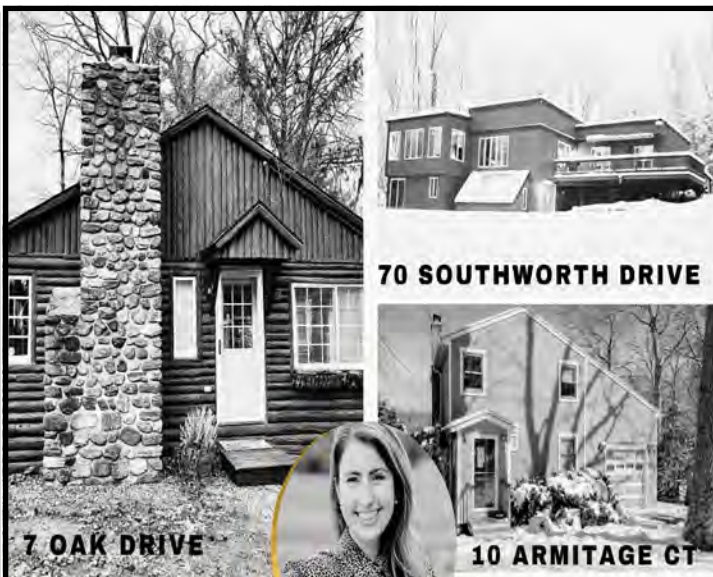
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Go Green: Pay your bills online

All Tax Bills that are payable are posted online. The new tax bills were available on the website on June 30, 2023 and are available for payment if there is a shopping cart next to it. An **e-check** costs \$.95, the credit card fee is 2.99%. If you use a debit card, you must treat it as a credit card, and the 2.99% fee applies. Minimum fee for credit/debit cards is \$3.95. You can use the system 24/7. You do not need to register, but you need to give an email address in order to obtain a receipt.

Please make sure that your motor vehicle bills are up to date before you need to renew a registration or register a new (to you) vehicle. Please review the article on how to check your compliance issues at DMV.

All Town Offices are closed on Thursdays.

Go to: www.ashfordtownhall.org. To enter, the portal looks like this:



How to PAY Your Taxes Online

1. Go to <http://www.ashfordtownhall.org> and click this button on the right side of the page,



2. In the search bar enter your last name, space, and first initial.

Ex. Name: John Smith

Enter the search criteria below:

3. If there is a shopping cart under the pay section then there is an outstanding balance.



4. Find which bill you want to pay

Ex.

2014-01-1631

- 2014 is the **Grand List**

2014-01-1631

- 01 is Real Estate
 - 02 Is Personal Property
 - 03 is Motor Vehicle
 - 04 is Motor Vehicle Supplement

2014-01-1631

- 1631 is the bill number

- You **MUST** pay the **OLDEST** bills **FIRST**
 - Oldest **Grand List**

BILL #
2014-01-0001631 00170100-LIEN
(REAL ESTATE)
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(REAL ESTATE)
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5. When all of the bills are in your shopping cart Click 0 BILL(S) - \$0.00 and Check Out

6. Read the **Terms and Conditions** before you press **Pay Now**
 - Especially if You Have Past Due Taxes

7. Make sure the next cart is the same as the previous one and choose how you would like to pay. Then press **Treat All Debit Cards As Credit Cards**

8. Enter Payment information, Review, and Submit.

- There is a 2.99% fee for Credit and Debit Cards as of June 20, 2023. Minimum fee for Credit and Debit Cards will be \$3.95.
- There is a **\$.95** fee for Checking Account (**Reduced from \$1.95**)

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If you are in need of advice for Veteran benefits, questions on assistance such as health care, burials, disability compensation, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund, or pension, please visit on the first Wednesday of the month with the new hours of 5:00-6:00 pm. Appointments are preferred, especially if Wednesdays are a conflict, but walk-ins are welcome.

Call Garry at 860-928-2309 and leave a message.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need help with your veteran issues:

Garry.brown71@aim.com and/or 860-928-2309.

Always no cost ever for veterans
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VETERAN NOTES

Vietnam Veterans: If you were boots on the ground, currently married AND take meds for high blood pressure or high cholesterol, most likely you should consider filing a disability claim to protect your spouse. Call Garry for more information at 860-928-2309

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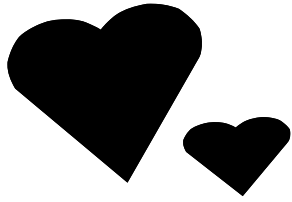
ASCO Classic Car Cruise!!!

September 10, 2023 1-4pm

Ashford Senior Center Grounds 25 Tremko Lane

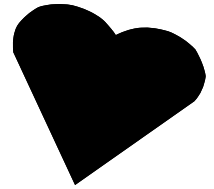


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BOARD AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

Eastern Highlands Health District: Alternate Town Representative

The Health district meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Coventry Town Hall Annex.

Conservation Commission: Alternate seat

The Conservation Commission is an advisory working group that will research and provide an inventory of natural resources in order to promote environmental protection and stewardship of land by education and outreach to residents, collaborating with land-use commissions to develop best management practices in working to maintain Ashford's rural character.

Meets on the 4th Monday of the month

To fill an alternate member vacancy to 11/2023 (party affiliation – U or R)

Economic Development Commission: 2 full member seats

The Economic Development Commission was formed to conduct research into the economic conditions and trends in the town and shall make recommendations to appropriate officials and agencies of the town regarding action to improve its economic condition and development. It shall seek to coordinate the activities of and cooperate with unofficial bodies organized to promote such economic development and shall prepare and distribute books, maps, charts and pamphlets which in its judgement will further its official purpose.

Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month

To fill vacancy to 2/01/2025 (party affiliation – U or R)

To fill vacancy to 2/01/2025 (party affiliation – U or D)

Ashford Housing Authority: 1 regular member seat

To fill a regular member vacancy to 1/01/2028 (party affiliation – U, D, R)

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses: 1 regular member seat and 2 alternate member seats

To fill a regular member seat to 6/1/2025 (party affiliation – U, D, R)

To fill an alternate member seat to 6/1/2027 (party affiliation – U, D, R)

Zoning Board of Appeals: 2 Alternate seats by the Board of Selectmen until the 11/2023 municipal election

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month

To fill vacancies to 11/00/2023 (once these vacancies are filled by the Board of Selectmen, the remainder of the original term (11/2025) will be filled at the 11/2023 municipal election)

Senior/Disabled Transportation

Volunteers are needed to provide transportation opportunities to both our senior and disabled members of the community.

For those volunteers interested in piloting the mid-bus to varied destinations (e.g., one of the casino, lunch outings, educational trips, etc) a Public Service drivers' license is required. Information regarding the qualifications necessary to get this endorsement are available on the ConnDOT website. The Town of Ashford will reimburse the cost relating to this license endorsement.

We are also looking for volunteers to participate in our Demand Responsive Transportation program. Grant funding is available to reimburse mileage to volunteers using their personal vehicles to take folks to doctor appointments, shopping, etc.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING IN ANY OF THESE CAPACITIES, PLEASE
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September 2023

How to Stay Safe from Wildfire Smoke

Who is at risk for health effects from wildfire smoke?

Many adults may notice mild symptoms from wildfire smoke. But the groups at greatest risk for adverse effects are children under the age of 18, older adults, pregnant people, folks with asthma and respiratory diseases and/or cardiovascular disease, outdoor workers, and people who already live in areas with significant air pollution.

How can you tell the level of air pollution in your area?

The [Air Quality Index](#) was designed to inform the public about air pollutants regulated under the Clean Air Act. United States maps are color coded to indicate levels of pollution. The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) provides this information at [AirNow.gov](#). Specific fire and smoke maps are at [fire.airnow.gov](#). Air quality is also often in local and national TV and radio weather reports.

What to do when wildfire smoke levels are high?

This is mostly common sense. Stay indoors and close doors and windows. If you must go outside, limit your time, and avoid strenuous activity. Use a particulate respirator mask outside (NIOSH N95 or P100 with 2 straps; NOTE: these are not available for child use). Seek out cleaner air spaces such as museums, shopping malls, movie theaters and senior centers. For those living with people at risk, if possible, use a portable air cleaner or a high efficiency filter (MERV 13+) in your HVAC system. Plan no-cook meals.

Don't add to indoor air pollution by burning candles, using gas, propane or woodburning stoves, fireplaces, aerosol sprays, smoking tobacco, frying/broiling meat or vacuuming.

Refs: CBSNews; EPA.gov;nrdc.org.

The ACETF thanks you for your interest in our work and welcomes your input. If you have questions, concerns, or comments, or wish to join us, please contact Susan Eastwood at sceastwood@yahoo.com.



Greetings to the Ashford Community from Cynthia Ford, Superintendent

Welcome Back! A New Year of Possibilities Awaits! First day students k-8 August 31, 2023

Dear Students, Parents, Community and Staff,

Welcome back to a brand-new academic year at Ashford! I hope this email finds you rested, rejuvenated, and ready to dive into another year of learning and growth.

As we begin on this journey together, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. Your dedication to education, resilience in the face of challenges, and commitment to creating a nurturing environment have been truly inspiring. I am honored to serve as your superintendent/director of support services and look forward to working collaboratively to make this year a success.

The beginning of a new year brings with it a sense of renewed enthusiasm and possibilities. It is a time to set new goals, embrace fresh opportunities, and chart our paths towards excellence. Whether you are a returning student, a new student, a parent, community or staff member, I encourage you to embrace this year with open hearts and open minds.

To our students, I want you to know that you are the reason we are here. Your thirst for knowledge, creativity, and curiosity sets the foundation for everything we do. Our dedicated teachers and staff have been working tirelessly to create a stimulating and inclusive learning environment where you can thrive and reach your full potential. Remember, education is not just about the grades you receive, but about the experiences, friendships, and life skills you gain along the way. You can do whatever you set your mind to do.

To our parents and guardians, thank you for entrusting us with your most precious asset – your children. We understand the immense responsibility that comes with shaping young minds, and we are committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment where they can flourish. Your partnership and involvement in your child's education are invaluable, and we encourage you to stay actively engaged as we work together to support their growth.

To our dedicated staff, your unwavering commitment to our students' success is nothing short of extraordinary. Your passion, expertise, and efforts have a lasting impact on the lives of our students. As we face the challenges that lie ahead, let us continue to support and uplift one another, sharing our knowledge and experiences to create an environment that fosters growth, collaboration, and innovation. Together we can accomplish so much more.

As we navigate this new academic year, we remain committed to providing a safe and healthy learning environment for all. We will continue to follow the guidance and recommendations of health authorities to ensure the well-being of our students and staff. Together, we will adapt, innovate, and overcome any obstacles that come our way while keeping the safety of our school community at the forefront.

To the community of Ashford, thank you for supporting our school. Many updates were completed this summer and we continue to work on our Roof Project for the Summer of 2024. Your commitment to the education of our children in this community is nothing short of amazing. We are shaping our future generations together.

In closing, I want to express my deep appreciation for your unwavering support and dedication to education. We are all part of a larger community, and by working together, we can create a positive and impactful educational experience for our students. Let us embrace this new year with open hearts, open minds, and a shared commitment to excellence.

Wishing you all a successful and fulfilling academic year ahead!

Warmest regards,

Cynthia Ford

Superintendent/Director of Pupil Services

Ashford Public School District
440 Westford Rd.
Ashford, CT 06278

On August 10, 2023, the Ashford Board of Education announced its policy for determining eligibility of children who may receive free or reduced-price meals served under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP), or free milk served under the Special Milk Program (SMP).

Note: For SY 2023-24, students enrolled in a school participating in the SBP will be able to receive one school breakfast meal per school day free of charge. Additionally, all students eligible for reduced-price school meals enrolled in schools participating in the NSLP will be able to receive a lunch meal free of charge.

CT Income Guidelines for Child Nutrition Programs: July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024*											
Free meals						Reduced-price meals					
Household size	Annual gross income	Monthly gross income	Twice per month	Every two weeks gross income	Weekly gross income	Household Size	Annual gross income	Monthly gross income	Twice per month	Every two weeks gross income	Weekly gross income
1	18,954	1,580	790	729	365	1	26,973	2,248	1,124	1,038	519
2	25,636	2,137	1,069	986	493	2	36,482	3,041	1,521	1,404	702
3	32,318	2,694	1,347	1,243	622	3	45,991	3,833	1,917	1,769	885
4	39,000	3,250	1,625	1,500	750	4	55,500	4,625	2,313	2,135	1,068
5	45,682	3,807	1,904	1,757	879	5	65,009	5,418	2,709	2,501	1,251
6	52,364	4,364	2,182	2,014	1,007	6	74,518	6,210	3,105	2,867	1,434
7	59,046	4,921	2,461	2,271	1,136	7	84,027	7,003	3,502	3,232	1,616
8	65,728	5,478	2,739	2,528	1,264	8	93,536	7,795	3,898	3,598	1,799
Each additional family member	+ 6,682	+ 557	+ 279	+ 257	+ 129	Each additional family member	+ 9,509	+ 793	+ 397	+ 366	+ 183

The income calculations above are based on the following formulas: monthly income is calculated by dividing the annual income by 12; twice monthly income is computed by dividing annual income by 24; income received every two weeks is calculated by dividing annual income by 26; and weekly income is computed by dividing annual income by 52.

Students residing in households with income at or below the levels shown in the chart above are eligible for free or reduced-price meals or free milk. To apply for free or reduced-price meals or free milk, households should fill out an application online at www.myschoolapps.com. Only one application is required per household and an application for free or reduced-price benefits cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions.

- Information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purposes of determining eligibility and for administration and enforcement of the lunch, breakfast, and milk programs.

- Note that the district *may* share your eligibility information with education, health, social service, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.
- No application is required if the district directly certifies a student based on a household member receiving assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or the Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) program. All students in these households are eligible for free school meals. Households receiving SNAP or TFA benefits for their children should only submit an application if they are **not** notified of their eligibility by **September 27, 2023**.
- Some students *may* be directly certified for free or reduced-price meals based on Medicaid (HUSKY A). No application is required if the district directly certifies a student based on Medicaid (HUSKY A). All students in these households are eligible for free or reduced-priced meal benefits.
- If a student is not directly certified, the household should complete a free and reduced-price meal application form. SNAP or TFA households require the SNAP or TFA case number on the application.
- Students in households participating in the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please send in an application.
- When known to the district/school, households will be notified of any student's eligibility for free meals if they are Other Source Categorically Eligible because the student is categorized as either: Homeless; runaway as defined by law and determined by the district's or school's homeless liaison; or enrolled in an eligible Head Start or pre-kindergarten class as defined by law. Households with students who are categorically eligible under Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs should complete an application and check-off the relevant box.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are categorically eligible for free meals. A foster parent does not have to complete a free/reduced meal application if they can submit a copy of the legal document or legal court order showing that the student is a foster child, however, a foster child's eligibility for free school meals does not automatically extend to all students in the household.

Applicants must complete all required information on myschoolapps.com in order to submit an application. The Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent (jtruax@ashfordct.org) will review applications and determine eligibility. If dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official, you may discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis; to make a formal appeal, a verbal or written request, may be made to David Eichorn, 440 Westford Rd. Ashford, CT 06278 for a hearing to appeal the decision.

Questions regarding the application process may be directed to the determining official at 860-429-1927 x 365.

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2. *email: program.intake@usda.gov*

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Special Presentation

Co-Sponsored by The Ashford Historical Society and The Babcock Library

On **November 15th at 7pm (doors open at 6:30)**, author and historian **Marty Podskoch**, will give a PowerPoint presentation at **Knowlton Memorial Hall** on the **90th Anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps Camps and its work in CT.**



Photo caption: These 17 boys from Camp Fernow in Eastford are ready to cut trees in the Natchaug SF with a forester (front row, left) and the foreman seated in the truck. *CT CCC Museum*

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) began on March 31, 1933 under President Roosevelt's "New Deal" to relieve the poverty and unemployment of the Depression. CCC camps were set up in a few Connecticut towns, state parks, & forests. Workers built trails, roads, campsites, & dams, stocked fish, built & maintained fire tower observer's cabins & telephone lines, fought fires, & planted millions of trees. The CCC disbanded in 1942 due to the need for men in WW II.

Enrollees signed up for 6 months and worked a 40-hour week for \$30/mo. The government sent \$25 to the enrollee's family and the enrollee received \$5. The young men received good food, uniforms, and medical care. At first they lived in tents; later they lived in wooden buildings. In nine years, 2.5 million young men participated in restoring public appreciation of the outdoors.

Marty Podskoch is a retired teacher and the author of 11 books: *Adirondack Civilian Conservation Corps Camps: Their History, Memories and Legacy of the CCC*; *Fire Towers of the Catskills: Their History and Lore*, *Adirondack Fire Towers: Their History and Lore, the Southern Districts*; *Adirondack Fire Towers: Their History and Lore, the Northern Districts*, *Adirondack Stories: Historical Sketches*; *101 More Adirondack Stories: Historical Sketches*; *The Adirondack 102 Club: Your Passport & Guide to the North Country*. He also writes a weekly column called "Adirondack Stories," in five Adirondack newspapers. He has written three travel books: *The Adirondack 102 Club*, *The Connecticut 169 Club* and the *Rhode Island 39 Club*. Some books will be available to purchase at the event.

Next Ashford Historical Society Meeting Date:

Tuesday, September 26th 7pm Knowlton Memorial Hall



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Ashford Pollinator Pathway News

By Jennifer Sterling-Folker, September 2023

Greetings Ashford! September is a great time to plant for next year as plants still have time to get established before winter sets in.

Many native plant nurseries also have sales at this time. **Native Plant Trust's Garden Shop** in Framingham, MA, typically begins their fall native plant sale at the end of August and the sales continue until the shop closes for the season in October. Other nurseries, such as our own **Ashford Garden Center** on route 44, restock native plants for the fall, and the online native plant nursery **Prairie Moon** has begun their Fall bare-root plant and seed sales (<https://www.prairiemoon.com>).



Speaking of seeds, it's also a great time to start thinking about whether you want to sow native plant seeds that require cold stratification, ie: a period of cold temperatures to break their dormancy cycle. This includes Lupines, Bee Balms, Coneflowers, and Milkweeds and many other desirable native plants. While you can replicate the process indoors during the winter, you can also sow seeds directly into your garden or in pots left outside for the winter. Because birds and mice will try to eat the seeds before they've had a chance to germinate, be sure to cover the sown seed with screens. For instructions on how to cold stratify native plant seeds that need it, visit the Wild Seed Project's info page: <https://wildseedproject.net/how-to-grow-natives-from-seed/>. If you are looking for some free seeds to cold stratify this winter, stop by our table at Ashford's Family Day on September 17 or email us. We currently have small seed packets of Lupine, Common Milkweed, Indigo, and Coneflower to give away.

If you buy native plant perennials but can't get them into the ground in time, overwinter them right in their pot in a sunny, wind-protected location tucked in under old sheets or a frost blanket. I have overwintered many perennials on my deck this way for years; most survive the winter and are already starting to sprout (sometimes even bloom) in late April or early May when I begin to remove the frost blankets. Rodents also sometimes try to overwinter under these blankets so to deter them you can cover the pots with screen netting before putting on the sheet or frost blanket.

In July we had the opportunity to walk the Josias Byles Sanctuary, a Joshua's Trust property in Ashford off route 44, with its trail steward, Nord Yakovleff. This beautiful trail features both forest and meadow habitats, with some spectacular milkweed stands which are worth visiting this time of year to see Monarch butterflies. Joshua Trust properties are partnered with Pollinator Pathway and many trailheads have the PP medallion. If you need a free medallion for your native plant garden or property, email us. We also have information on native wildflowers for New England meadows and how to establish meadows that support Monarchs and other wildlife.



Upcoming Events

Ashford PP will be putting together a pollinator basket for the Babcock Library's fundraising silent auction at their annual wine-tasting event on Saturday, Sept 9th, 3-5PM at Church Farm in Ashford. Tickets for the event are \$25 and available at the Babcock Library.

We will be at Ashford Family Day on Sept 17th with free native plants, seed packets, and other goodies – stop by our table!



Our monthly newsletter has additional information and live links to PP, conveniently delivered right to your email inbox. Simply scan the QR code below in order to sign up to receive it.



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Email us at:
AshfordPollinatorPathways@gmail.com

ASHFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Join us for our first Cruise Night at AVFD!

Weather
Permitting!

Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023

5:00PM – 7:30PM

In collaboration with Terry's Transmission, we will be having the first of what we hope to be a few cruise nights to finish off the season.

Everyone is welcome to join us for a night of family fun!



**** FREE Admission ****

- AND -

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Enjoy live DJ music, check out antique & classic vehicles and meet some of our First Responders.

Absolutely NO ALCOHOL or BURN OUTS will be permitted or tolerated!



We still have house number signs available! These reflective house number signs help us to locate your house when time is crucial. One of our biggest challenges is locating a property with a shared driveway that has two or more house branching off. Unless we are already familiar with your location, it becomes a guessing game for us to find a particular house and thus, causing a delay reaching you in an emergency. Signs can be ordered on our website - <https://www.ashfordfire.org/order-a-house-number> or stop by our table at the Cruise Night and order yours! They are available in either vertical or horizontal. A \$10 donation is suggested.



The call count for July was 9 Fire/Rescue and 42 EMS. Our fiscal year total is 51.

If you have any non-emergency questions or concerns, you may contact Station 20 at (860) 429-9862 from 6AM to Midnight every day, or the Tolland County Fire Mutual Aide Fire Service at (860) 875-2543 24 hours a day, and they will contact an AVFD duty officer for you.

Tracey Stancil
VP/Firefighter/EMT
AVFD Station 20



The AAAC Corner

September 2023

ASHFORD AREA ARTS COUNCIL
in collaboration with Windham Arts

Monthly Meeting

Our September 13th meeting is for members and their significant other. A time to appreciate members and their participation in events, those who support Ashford Area Arts Council and to appreciate our volunteers who make so much possible. A fun night of food, music by Blu Ja'nk (Bluesy Jazz and Funk)! Check your email for details - bring a piece of your work to display. **7:00pm - 9:00pm** at the Knowlton Memorial Hall in Ashford.

Recap: AAAC Members' Show - The Vanilla Bean Café

During the month of June several Ashford Area Arts Council artists' beautiful creations filled the walls of The Vanilla Bean Café in Pomfret, CT. This was the second year the AAAC Members' Show found a home there. The exhibit was very well-received by the diners and those who love to frequent the establishment to view local arts exhibits. Over the last 30 years the Vanilla Bean has been honored with multiple awards including Best of Connecticut and Best of New England. The arts have always coincided with their fresh foods and home-style atmosphere, as they pride themselves on being "a friend of the arts", and do not ask for any commission. 100% of the sales transactions goes to the artist. The gallery director there exclaimed that our organization brought in the highest gross number of sales than any other exhibit he can remember!

Our artists were: Christine Acebo (photography), Deb Aldo (mosaics), Lance Arnold (glasswork), Joseph Burger (watercolor painting), Cindy Curry (photography), Judy Doyle (acrylic and oil painting), Dot Drobney (photography), Deb Gag (oil painting), Sharon Garrison (acrylic painting), Steve Gerling (oil painting, drawings, acrylics), Anna Harding (stained glass), Michael Hughey (calligraphy), Joan Blade Johnson (fiber art), Maggie Kendis (hand-colored block prints), Karrie Kirchner (collage), Frietha Lawrence (oils, watercolors, pen/ink), Kathy Lepak (calligraphy), Charles McCaughy (watercolor painting), Lori Smolin (watercolor painting), Joseph Szalay (photography), and Marian Vitali (pastels).

Our next show will be in April of 2024.

Upcoming Events:

- **ONGOING ONLINE SALES** - contact the artists via our website, <https://ashfordarts.org>
- **HOLIDAY ARTISTS MARKET**, November 18th and 19th
- **VANILLA BEAN SHOW**, April 2024
- **FOLLOW US** - <https://www.facebook.com/ashfordarts>

The AAAC at the Ashford Farmer's Market!



Shown above: cane chair by Bob Johnson

Former AAAC Chair Debra Gag was thrilled when Jacqueline Kulig, director of the Ashford Farmers' Market reached out with her vision and desire to add crafters and artists once a month to the market this season. We were very happy to take her up on her offer and quickly formed a line-up. Our artists will be in attendance at a booth the 3rd weekend of every month throughout the summer.



Shown above: Handcrafts by Xiaohong Song, photo by Dot Drobney

September 17th
Bob Johnson:
Chair Caning

October 15th
Xiaohong
Song:
Home Decor

Save the dates! Our artists are busy making their work for our annual Holiday Artists Market which will be held November 18th and 19th this year.



Sue Muldoon discusses basketry with Marion Vitalie at last year's Holiday Artist Market

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

You do not have to be an artist or live in Ashford. to join our group!

Membership: \$30 Donation
October 1st - September 31st

Please Circle One:

- Visual Arts • Writing/Poetry
- Performance Arts
- Supporter of the arts.

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Presents

Fall Prevention in our Quiet Corner!

Program Date: Wednesday Sept. 20th. 10:00 am – 11:00 am

- ❖ Learn how to identify your personal risk factors for a fall.
- ❖ Learn self-help strategies to reduce your risk of falling.
- ❖ Learn how to get the Help you need to stay Independent!

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Antique Show on the Lebanon Green

56th Annual Fundraiser for the Lebanon Historical Society

- On the Green at the intersection of routes 87 & 207 Lebanon •
- www.historyoflebanon.org



Saturday, September 30, 2023

9am—3pm

\$8 admission
children under 12
are free

Free Parking
Held rain
or shine

Coffee & donuts
Grilled burgers
& hot dogs

Homemade
chowders,
sandwiches
& slices of pie



Scout Troop 92 Sept Newsletter

Summer activities:

The troop spent a week hiking through the White Mountains of New Hampshire. The heavy rain that they ran into didn't dampen their spirits. It didn't rain the whole time that they were out on this high adventure.

Summer camp at JN Webster Scout Reservation. Scouts got merit badge instructions in Life Saving, First Aid, Welding, Wilderness Survival, and other useful and interesting topics.



Upcoming:

The troop will have a Court of Honor to award merit badges and advancement earned at summer camp.

The Troop will be parking cars at the Brooklyn Fair. This is a significant fund raiser for the Troop.

A fall foliage bicycle ride is slated for October. The Troop will ride the Airline Trail in Pomfret.

Scout Master Cory Blanchette will be leaving the Troop. We thank him for the hard work that he did and the years that he guided the Troop. Cory was a good role model to youth.

Jesse Burnham of Ashford has accepted the position of Scoutmaster. Jesse has an extensive background in Scouting. We are excited to have him as a resource for our Troop.

Troop 92 BSA
Ashford/Eastford/Pomfret

Nord Yakovleff Ast Sct Mstr
Chris Murphy Ast Sct Mstr
Rob Hany Committee Chair
Kurt van Heiningen Cub Master



September 2023 Conservation Commission News

Waste Reduction

With the climate changes we are experiencing, it is crucial that we focus on reducing our carbon footprint and reducing the amount of waste we generate. We all need to adjust and shift our daily patterns to be more mindful of the long-term impact.

Waste Tip for September Having a reusable container for your *water* means you can cut down on one-use plastic bottles. This can cut your carbon footprint and reduce excess waste.

Ashford Farmers Market

The Ashford Farmers Market is continuing to provide us with a wide variety of great food. We are at the same place on RT 44 across from the town hall every Sunday from May until the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Our market runs from 10AM-1PM rain or shine. If you are wondering on any given Sunday if there is a question regarding market cancellation due to severe weather, please go to <ashfordfarmersmarketct> on Facebook to see if our market is open.

This month on September 10 we are planning a community resource day where several local non-profits will have a table at the market to showcase their organization. Be sure to join us on Sunday September 10 to learn more about the work they do.

Our Ashford Farmers Market provides our residents with quality, locally fresh produce, fruits, baked goods, and other goodies. Plus, a friendly farmer to discuss what they are selling. Take advantage and visit our market often. Look for 2 pictures of our market farmers, one of a new vendor this year Olivia Benson, Fox View Farms and Dee Ethier, Ethier Farms, long time fruit vendor. Both pictures were taken by Christine Acebo.



New Joshua Trust Property

We are pleased to announce that Joshua Trust has acquired a new property on Pumpkin Hill Road in Ashford. Paul Prakis donated 24 acres to JT, a key piece as it connects Jt's Friedman Forest to state owned Pumpkin Hill Wildlife Management Area to the east. It is also close to the Pinkham donation to JT on Colt's Pond Road. We are grateful to Paul Prakis for his generous support of land conservation.

Our Conservation Commission meets every 4th Monday via zoom at 7PM. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings.

Loretta Wrobel, chair

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

  						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9:00 Walking Tape 9:30 Tai Chi at Knowlton Hall 12:00 Congregate Meals 1:00 Dominoes	2
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10 11:00 -4:00 Cruise Night	11 9:30 Walking Tape 9:30 Casino- MGM Springfield 10:00 COA 1:00 Mah Jong	12 9:30 Tai Chi at Knowlton Hall 10:00 Aqua Turf Trip	13 12:00 Congregate Meals	14 10:00 Trader Joe's 12:00 Dime Bingo	15 9:00 Walking Tape 9:30 Tai Chi at Knowlton Hall 12:00 Congregate Meals 1:00 Dominoes	16
17 Family Day in Ashford 3:00 English Country Dancing	18 9:30 Walking Tape 1:00 Mah Jong	19 9:30 Tai Chi at Knowlton Hall 1:00 Birthday Party	20 10:00 Fall Prevention Program 11:00 ASCO Membership 12:00 ASCO Board 12:00 Congregate Meals	21 12:00 Dime Bingo	22 9:00 Walking Tape 9:30 Tai Chi at Knowlton Hall 11:00 ASCO 12:00 Congregate Meals 1:00 Dominoes	23 9:00 SHRED IT
24 	25 9:30 Walking Tape 11:00 Hairdresser 11:00 Lunch Bunch (2) 1:00 Mah Jong	26 9:30 Tai Chi at Knowlton Hall	27 9:30 Pumpkin Town Trip 12:00 Congregate Meals	28 10:00 Low Impact Chair Yoga 12:00 Dime Bingo	29 9:00 Walking Tape 9:30 Tai Chi at Knowlton Hall 12:00 Congregate Meals 1:00 Dominoes	30 

Save the Date:
Annual Shred Day
 September 23, 2023
 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Ashford Senior Center
 25 Tremko Lane
 Ashford, CT 06278

Please remember to bring a canned food or non-perishable item in exchange for the documents you would like to shred. All items or monetary contributions will be donated to the Ashford food bank.



Feeding the Community



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY



Let us celebrate each of our seniors who were born in the month of September.

September 19th Tuesday at 1:00

Our event will be: **Kira Holmes and the History of the Sewing Machine**



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From the Municipal Agent for the Elderly

Kit Eves 860-487-5122

September is ramping up with many new things to plan for and enjoy. One program I am particularly pleased to offer is a Fall Prevention Program. Several times over the years I have been your Municipal Agent, I have written about how to make your home safer. The number one reason why seniors go into a nursing home is because they have fallen and fractured some bone. Come learn how not to fall in your own home. September 20th at 10:00.

I have received several calls about having the Shred It program this fall. I am happy to say it is scheduled for September 23rd in the am. Do not forget to bring something for the food pantry.

Tai Chi is now a satellite program at Knowlton Hall as the group grew so large that moving the tables every week became problematic. There will be times when the group will have to come back because Knowlton Memorial Hall is being used. (ie. election day). But it is wonderful that this program has grown so much. Tuesday and Friday's at 9:30.

We lost our Low Impact Program during Covid. I have found a new instructor who is willing to teach Chair Yoga. The class will be held on Sept 28th at 10:00. This is a one-time trial to see if there is still interest. The price is \$4.00 at the door.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Sept. 6th Lunch Bunch (1) Willimantic Brewing Co
 Sept. 11th Casino Trip to MGM in Springfield
 Sept. 19th Birthday Party History of the Sewing Machine
 Sept. 25th Hairdresser
 Sept. 23rd Shred It 9:00-12:00
 Sept. 27th Pumpkin Town Trip
 Sept. 28th 10:00 Chair Yoga

NEW PROGRAM

Coming to the Ashford Senior Center

September 28th Thursday at 10:00

\$4.00 at the door

Senior Chair Yoga Poses

Seated Mountain



Overhead Stretch



Seated Forward Bend



Neck Stretch



Reverse Arm Hold



Simple Seated Twist



This is trial run to see what the interest will be in the future.



September 27th, Wednesday

OVER 100 PUMPKIN HEADS

FALL SHOPPING – JAMS JELLIES.

FLOWERS, FRESH VEGGIES

ENTRY FEE \$5.00 AT THE DOOR

Then lunch on your own at Rossini's
 Italian Restaurant

VAN LEAVES THE ASHFORD SENIOR
 CENTER, 25 TREMKO LANE AT 9:30

Call 860-487-5122 to reserve a seat on the bus

ALL ARE WELCOME

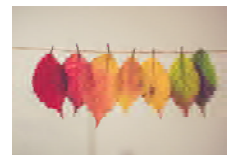


Babcock Library News

25 Pompey Hollow Road

Ashford, CT 06278

Your Center for Life-Long Learning



Phone: 860-487-4420 * [Website](http://babcocklibrary.org) babcocklibrary.org * email: director@babcocklibrary.org

September 2023

Hours

Monday - 9-5

Tuesday - 9-5

Wednesday - 9 – 8

Thursday – Closed

Friday - 9-5

Saturday 9 – 1

Sunday - Closed

Library Staff

Ann Chonte' Chris

Diane John Stacey

Libby

Available 24 / 7!

Try Libby (formerly Overdrive) for Babcock Library card holders!

Libby offers e-books & audiobooks - accessible on mobile devices!

Check Facebook for Additions and Updates!

Cooking Club!

New!

Try new recipes and chat about your culinary adventures! Each month has a theme.

Bring a prepared dish and copies of the recipe to share. Food should arrive ready to eat. The library will provide the plates and forks. Sample and talk about each recipe and take home new ideas!

Monthly, on the 2nd Wednesday @ 6:30 pm

- **First Event! September 13:** Cold Salads

Please register in advance @ 860-487-4420

CONNECTICUT'S KID GOVERNOR

MEET & GREET
Elisavet "Ellie" Mendez
2023 Connecticut's Kid Governor

Saturday, September 16 @ 9:30 am
Babcock Library, Ashford

Connecticut's Kid Governor is an award-winning civics program created by The Connecticut Democracy Center at Connecticut's Old State House

**Friends of Babcock
Library Meeting**

3rd Tuesday of each
month @ 2:30 pm

**Library Board of
Trustees Meeting**

4th Tuesday of each
month @ 10 am

**Embroidery &
Knitters Group**

Every Wednesday
@ 1 pm

**Children's
Storytime & Craft**

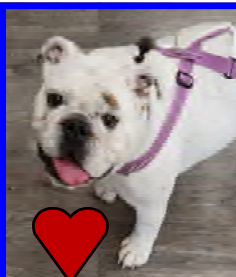
Every Wednesday
@ 10:30 am

Ukulele Lessons

1st Wednesday of
each month.
Call to schedule

Read to Lulu!

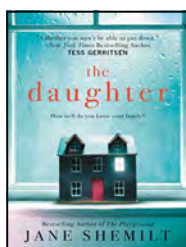
Call to schedule



Mystery Book Discussion!

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 @ 1 pm

The Daughter * by Jane Shemilt



Friends of the Babcock Library Present...

Annual Beer and Wine Tasting!

YOU ARE INVITED!

SATURDAY SEPT. 9TH 3PM-5PM

Church Farm
396 Mansfield Road
Ashford Ct, 06278

**Tickets available for
purchase
from
Babcock Library!**
Tickets are \$25 each



TICK-BORNE DISEASE AWARENESS & PREVENTION

EDUCATIONAL FORUM

HOSTED BY



DID YOU KNOW?

- Ticks can transmit multiple diseases, not only Lyme!
- Some ticks are only the size of a 'dot' or 'poppy seed'



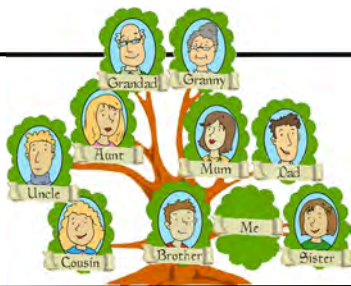
Information about COVID-19 with free test kits provided!

Wednesday, September 6 @ 6 PM



Ashford Parks & Recreation FALL SPECIAL EVENTS & BUS TRIPS

FAMILY DAY!



SUNDAY SEPT. 17th
1-4 PM at
POMPEY HOLLOW PARK



BUS TRIPS **Enjoy an Autumn Day On Your Own in Historic BOSTON!**

Sat. Oct. 14th 2023. Coach Bus leaves the Tolland Commuter Lot at 7 a.m. and returns by 8:00 p.m. You decide, Quincy Market., Faneuil Hall, a Duck Tour, the Aquarium or the Science Museum. The day is yours to orchestrate. Go on line for details on what to do. <https://heyeastcoastusa.com/boston-in-fall/> Fee \$60. (bus only) Register by 9/29.

LOOKING AHEAD, Day on Your Own in NYC! Sat. Dec. 2nd 2023

THE GREAT PUMPKIN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

SATURDAY OCT. 28TH

1-4 PM AT CAMP CONNRI

Join us for the fun! Games tricks and treats! Watch for details



Turkey Trot

Sunday Nov. 12th, 1:00-3:00 pm

Ashford Memorial Park

*You can walk, jog, sprint, or trot around the stone dust trail,
each laps earns a ticket in the drawing for a turkey!*

Carol Sing

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 3rd
4:30 p.m.
KNOWLTON
MEMORIAL HALL

Tree
Lighting!
Sing, Eat
Delicious Soup
& See Santa!
Enjoy Live
Music by the
Babcock Band!

Jingle
Bells,

Oh,
Come
All Ye
Faithful!



Join us for this nostalgic, hometown holiday tradition, sure to
light your holiday spirit and warm your heart!



Certified **YOGA** Trainer



Karrie Kirchner

Leads class on Tuesday mornings.
in Knowlton Memorial Hall.

Come move, stretch, and get centered!

Class runs 8:15-9:15 a.m.

Drop ins welcome for \$10 a class
or 6 week session is \$50.

Namaste'

P*I*C*K*L*E*B*A*L*L

Fall is a wonderful time for Pickleball!

In September join us M. W. F. mornings at 9:00
a.m. and T & TH Eves at 5:00 pm for games at
Pompey Hollow Park !

Introductory Class for Beginners to be offered,
Watch for details, Call 487-4409 if interested or
e-mail syork@ashfordtownhall.org



Start Smart Soccer

for Preschoolers

3-5 years

Ashford Memorial Park

Thursdays 4:00-4:45

Sept. 14th to Oct. 19th

(6 weeks) Fee: \$40

After School Gymnastics

for students in

Grades K-4

Ashford School Gym

Tuesdays 3:30-4:30

Sept. 19th– Oct 24th

Fee: \$60



ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING

DANCE LIKE ITS 1799!

It's fun , Its easy, Its elegant !

Come alone or with a friend– no experience required.

Classes will be held on Sundays from 3-5 p.m. at the Ashford Senior Center.

Dates: Sept. 17th, Oct. 15th , Nov. 19th, Dec. 17th

& will continue into the new year.

*No Fee, Contact organizer Barbara Renna at
barbararenn0012@gmail.com Sponsored by APRC*



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